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THEN PERSONALLY AS OFTEN AS HE COULD WHEN HE VISITED
AMERICAN COLLEGES. HE HAD PROPOSED THIS EXCHANGE

PROGRAM TO DENG XIAOPING IN 1979; SUBSEQUENTLY SOME
SIXTY THOUSAND CHINESE HAD COME TO THE U.S. TO STUDY.
THIS WAS VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE U.S., GIVING U.S.
PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
CHINA.

7. THE U.S. AND CHINA HAD ALSO BEEN ABLE TO COOPERATE
ON A NUMBER OF SENSITIVE MATTERS, SUCH AS KAMPUCHEA,
THE SOVIET WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN AND FREE TRADE.
ALL OF THIS WAS OF GREAT BENEFIT TO BOTH SIDES.

PRESIDENT CARTER DESCRIBES CARTER CENTER'S WORK

8. EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS NOW A PRIVATE CITIZEN WITH
NO FORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT,
PRESIDENT CARTER DESCRIBED HIS CURRENT WORK. HE HAD
BEEN TEACHING FOR NINE YEARS AT EMORY UNIVERSITY. BUT
HIS GREATEST EFFORTS WERE EXPENDED AT THE CARTER
CENTER, A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION DEALING PRIMARILY WITH
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THERE WERE 26 INTERNATIONAL
HEALTH PROGRAMS AT THE CENTER, ONE OF WHICH HAD BROUGHT
HIM TO CHINA ON THE CURRENT VISIT.

9. HIS CENTER HAD HELPED TO TRAIN MORE THAN 200
CHINESE TEACHERS TO WORK WITH HANDICAPPED PEOPLE. THAT
MORNING, ALONG WITH DENG PUXIANG, HE HAD DEDICATED A NEW
FACTORY WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE CHINESE TO MASS PRODUCE
ARTIFICIAL ARMS AND LEGS OF THE HIGHEST TECHNICAL
QUALITY. THE CARTER CENTER HAD PROGRAMS AIMED AT
ALLEVIATING SUFFERING IN AFRICA AND ASIA. FOR EXAMPLE,
IN AFRICA OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS EVERY YEAR THE PER
CAPITA FOOD GRAIN PRODUCTION HAD DECLINED. OVER

200,000 AFRICAN FAMILIES WORKED WITH THE CARTER CENTER
ON FOOD PRODUCTION.

10. HIS CENTER ALSO HAD HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMS IN
ALMOST EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING IN THE
UNITED STATES, WHICH HAD VERY SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS
PROBLEMS. FINALLY, ONE OF THE CENTER'S MAIN EFFORTS
WAS AIMED AT PREVENTING AND ENDING OF CONFLICTS,
DISPUTES AND WARS. IT MONITORED ALL CONFLICTS IN THE
WORLD, OF WHICH THERE WERE 113 AT THE BEGINNING OF
APRIL. THIS NUMBER INCLUDED 33 MAJOR WARS
INTERNATIONALLY, NONE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. THEY WERE
ALL CIVIL WARS, WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS.

11. THIS PRECLUDED THE UNITED NATIONS FROM BECOMING
INVOLVED, BECAUSE THE UN COULD NOT EVEN COMMUNICATE
WITH REVOLUTIONARIES TRYING TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENTS.
THE CARTER CENTER HAD PUT TOGETHER A GLOBAL CAPABILITY
TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS.
PRESIDENT CARTER ON TIANANMEN AND ITS AFTERMATH

12. THERE WAS ONE LAST TOPIC, WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER
HAD EARLIER RAISED WITH FH QIAN. AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN,
HE WAS DISTRESSED AT THE ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND CHINA AS A RESULT OF THE TIANANMEN
INCIDENT IN 1989. THIS WAS A QUESTION THAT WOULD NOT
GO AWAY. THE CONCERNS OF CHINESE STUDENTS IN AMERICA
HAD NOT BEEN ALLEVIATED, KEEPING THIS QUESTION IN THE
FOREFRONT OF CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THESE
STUDENTS WERE LOYAL TO THEIR COUNTRY AND WANTED TO FEEL
FREE TO BE ABLE TO COME HOME.

13. HOWEVER, MANY QUESTIONS REMAINED UNANSWERED. THE
PRINCIPAL ONE INVOLVED A REMARKABLE DIFFERENCE IN
INTERPRETATIONS OF THE JUNE, 1989 EVENT. STRESSING
THAT HE HAD NO WAY TO ASCERTAIN THE FACTS, PRESIDENT
CARTER SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT AT THE
CONCLUSION OF THE DISTURBANCES IN THE SQUARE SEVERAL
HUNDRED, PERHAPS IN EXCESS OF ONE THOUSAND PERSONS HAD
BEEN KILLED. SOME 1500 WORKERS AND STUDENTS HAD BEEN
TRIED, CONVICTED AND SENT TO PRISON. SEVERAL THOUSAND

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MORE HAD BEEN SENT TO REEDUCATION CAMPS.

14. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, OF COURSE, HAD EXPLAINED

THAT THIS WAS A NECESSARY ACTION, STRESSING THAT VERY FEW WERE KILLED OR IMPRISONED. TO REITERATE, HE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THE FACTS. BUT AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, HE SUGGESTED THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SAY THAT IT HAD RESTORED ORDER AND PUT THIS MATTER BEHIND IT. TOWARD THAT END, IT COULD NOTE THAT THE MOTIVATIONS OF THE INVOLVED CHINESE STUDENTS HAD BEEN GOOD AND JUSTIFIED. IT COULD ALSO BE GENEROUS. ONE HELPFUL STEP WOULD BE TO DECLARE A GENERAL AMNESTY, A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCES. THIS WOULD BRING GREAT RELIEF TO CHINESE STUDENTS AND OTHER CONCERNED PEOPLE. THIS WAS JUST HIS SUGGESTION, AS A FRIEND.

JIANG ZEHIN'S RESPONSE: JUNE 4

15. JIANG ZEHIN WANTED TO BEGIN BY RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONCERNS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, ABOUT JUNE FOURTH. JIANG FELT THIS EVENT WAS BEING GRADUALLY PUT BEHIND THEM, THAT IT WAS NO LONGER A CONCERN TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE. SOON AFTER JUNE 4, HE HAD MET WITH A NUMBER OF FOREIGN LEADERS AND HAD TALKED ABOUT THIS WITH THEM IT WAS NATURAL FOR DIFFERENT COUNTRIES TO HAVE DIFFERENT VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS. BUT, HE CLAIMED, THE REALITY OF THAT OCCASION HAD BEEN DISTORTED.

16. JIANG HAD MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN TELEVISION AFTER JUNE 4. THE CURRENTLY FASHIONABLE NOTION, JIANG OBSERVED, WAS THAT TELEVISION HAD SHRUNK THE WORLD. WITH MAJOR GLOBAL EVENTS NOW TELEVISED, ALL COULD JUDGE THEM BASED ON THEIR OWN VALUES. HE WAS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THIS. ALL JIANG HAD ASKED OF

THESE REPORTERS WAS THAT TELEVISION REPORT THE FACTS. IT WAS ONLY NATURAL, HE REPEATED, FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE TO HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS BASED ON THEIR DIFFERENT

17. UNFORTUNATELY, JIANG CONTINUED, TELEVISION COULD NOT PRESENT A NATURAL IMAGE. IT REQUIRES A CAMERAMAN TO TAKE PICTURES AND A REPORTER TO PREPARE HIS REPORT. THEY SUPPLIED THEIR OWN COMMENT, SO THIS AFFECTED THE REPORT. JIANG WANTED TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF THIS. PRESIDENT CARTER HAD SAID ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED IN JUNE, 1989. THERE WERE ALSO OTHER ALLEGATIONS THAT MANY HAD DIED-IN A MASSIVE BLOODLETTING.

18. JIANG SAID HE HAD TOLD BARBARA WALTERS IN THEIR TELEVISED INTERVIEW LAST YEAR THAT JUST 200 HAD DIED. HE HAD ALSO NOTED THAT 100 TANKS AND MILITARY TRANSPORT VEHICLES HAD BEEN BURNED. WHY? BECAUSE CHINESE TROOPS EXERCISED MAXIMUM RESTRAINT. THEIR EFFORTS WERE DIRECTED NOT AGAINST YOUNG STUDENTS, BUT AGAINST "WHAT YOU WOULD CALL THE 'BREGS OF SOCIETY.'"

19. AT THAT POINT IN THE INTERVIEW BARBARA WALTERS HAD PULLED OUT THE PICTURE OF THE YOUNG MAN IN FRONT OF THE TANKS. SHE INDICATED SHE WAS CERTAIN OF THE MAN'S IDENTITY. HE WAS WANG WEILIN, ACCORDING TO WALTERS. SHE TOLD JIANG THIS PERSON HAD ALREADY BEEN KILLED. JIANG, WHO VIEWED HIMSELF AS A PRAGMATIC MAN, SIMPLY REPLIED "NO - NEVER." WALTERS THEN ASKED IF THE YOUNG MAN HAD BEEN IMPRISONED AND JIANG REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW. AFTERWARDS HE HAD LOOKED INTO THE MATTER

WITH THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY, WHICH HAD COMPUTERIZED RECORDS. THEY TOLD JIANG THEY COULD NOT FIND THE MAN. JIANG PASSED THIS ON TO WALTERS AND SAW IT CARRIED ON ABC NEWS.



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81 [REDACTED] END NOTE) AT THE PRESENT
TIME, CHINA WAS IN DIRE NEED OF A PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT
SO IT COULD DEVELOP ITS ECONOMY.

JIANG ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

21. AS A PRELUDE TO SHIFTING THE CONVERSATION TO
BILATERAL RELATIONS, JIANG NOTED IN PASSING THAT ALL
THE CHINESE (SEE PARA. 4) IN THE FRONT ROW AT THIS
MEETING -- MODESTLY EXCLUDING HIMSELF -- SPOKE
EXCELLENT ENGLISH, INCLUDING HIS FELLOW CHINESE
QIAN. HE THEN OBSERVED THAT U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS HAD
BEEN DEVELOPING STEP BY STEP SINCE 1972. WHILE
PRESIDENT CARTER HAD BEEN IN OFFICE THE TWO SIDES HAD
FORMALLY ESTABLISHED RELATIONS. IF HIS MEMORY SERVED
HIM RIGHT, IT WAS ALSO DURING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON MOST FAVORED NATION
TRADE STATUS. IT WAS ALSO AS A RESULT OF PRESIDENT
CARTER'S TALKS WITH DENG XIAOPING THAT STUDENT
EXCHANGES HAD BEGUN.

JIANG ON CHINESE VIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS

22. JIANG HAD A CLEAR A VIVID MEMORY OF ALL THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER HAD DONE TO PROMOTE U.S.-CHINESE
FRIENDSHIP. AGAIN DIGRESSING, JIANG SAID HE AND HIS
COLLEAGUES HAD EXPERIENCED THE TRANSITION FROM OLD
SOCIETY, HAD ENDURED CHINA'S INTERNAL STRIFE, THE WAR
AGAINST THE JAPANESE AND THE CIVIL WAR WHICH RESULTED
IN THE FOUNDED OF THE PRC IN 1949. WHY WAS HE LOOKING
BACK AT HISTORY? PRESIDENT CARTER HAD RAISED THE
QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. FROM THE CHINESE
PERSPECTIVE, THE PARAMOUNT HUMAN RIGHTS WAS THAT OF
SUBSISTENCE.

23. BASED ON THE JULY, 1990 CENSUS, CHINA NOW HAD A
POPULATION OF 1.133612501 BILLION (51C). THE
AMBASSADOR ALSO KNEW THIS NUMBER. JIANG HAD FORMERLY

BEEN AN ENGINEER AND HE CLAIMED TO HAVE A GOOD FACILITY
FOR NUMBERS. HE HAD LEARNED THAT CHINA'S POPULATION
HAD ALREADY GROWN TO 1.14 BILLION. EVERY YEAR, EVEN
WITH STRICT MEASURES IN BIRTH CONTROL, 14-15 MILLION
PEOPLE WOULD BE ADDED TO CHINA'S POPULATION. JIANG WAS
PROUD TO SAY THAT CHINA HAD MADE A UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT
IN ESTABLISHING THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSISTENCE
INTEMBAD FOR ITS 1.14 BILLION PEOPLE.

24. JIANG HAD TRAVELLED TO NEARLY 20 OF CHINA'S 30
PROVINCES AND AUTONOMOUS REGIONS. HE HAD SEEN THE
DRASTIC CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN CHINA
FIRSTHAND. THIS WAS A WORLD THAT WAS COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE OLD SOCIETY. TO MAKE THIS
IMAGE MORE VIVID TO HIS VISITOR, JIANG WANTED TO RECITE
A FEW LINES FROM AN OLD SONG WHICH HE HAD SEEN IN A
FILM IN 1934. THIS WAS A GRADUATION SONG, WHICH HE AND
HIS CLASSMATES HAD SUNG AT THEIR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
UNIVERSITY GRADUATIONS.

25. DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OPIUM AND OTHER
DRUGS WERE WIDELY USED, POSING A GREAT THREAT TO THE
CHINESE PEOPLE. JUST AS COMMISSIONER LIN ZEXU HAD DONE
IN THE 1840'S, JIANG AND HIS CLASSMATES HAD BURNED
OPIUM BEFORE SINGING THIS SONG, NOTICING THE BAYONETS
OF JAPANESE SOLDIERS OUTSIDE THEIR WINDOWS AS THEY SANG.

-- (SONG EXCERPTS) "CLASSMATES LET US ALL ARISE TO

SHOULDER OUR SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY, TO FIGHT FOR THE
RISE OR FALL OF OUR COUNTRY. IF YOU LISTEN YOU CAN
HEAR THE GRIEVANCES OF THE ORDINARY PEOPLE, YOU CAN SEE
CHINA LOSING TERRITORY TO THE AGGRESSORS."

26. SAYING IN ENGLISH THAT THIS WAS ENOUGH TO GIVE
PRESIDENT CARTER AN IMAGE OF THE SUFFERING CHINA ONCE
ENDURED, JIANG NOTED THAT THERE WERE NO FUNDAMENTAL
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA. SO
THERE WAS NO REASON THE TWO SIDES COULD NOT CONTINUE TO

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METHODS FOR COMMUNICATING THE LINE: WERE NOT ALWAYS THE
SAME, BUT THE RESULTS ALWAYS WERE.

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30. SOCIAL SCIENTISTS WERE USUALLY PRAGMATIC AND DOWN
TO EARTH. AS THE CHINESE SAYING GOES, SEEING IS
BELIEVING. THUS JIANG BELIEVED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER
WOULD SEE. PRESIDENT CARTER HAD BEEN TO TIBET IN
1987. JIANG HIMSELF WENT THERE LAST JULY. HIS TRIP
WAS MORE DIFFICULT THAN PRESIDENT CARTER'S HAD BEEN.
IN LHASA HE HAD SEEN MANY ELDERLY FOREIGNERS, PROBABLY
EUROPEANS OR AMERICANS. THEY HAD EXPERIENCED NO
PROBLEMS. BUT JIANG HAD SUFFERED FROM LACK OF OXYGEN.

31. JIANG'S IMPRESSIONS WERE QUITE DIFFERENT THAN
THOSE IN WESTERN "PROPAGANDA" ON TIBET. HE BELIEVED IT
WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GIVE FOREIGNERS A VIDEOTAPE OF
TIBET, PAST AND PRESENT, WITH ENGLISH NARRATION.
PRESIDENT CARTER INTERJECTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
SUCH A TAPE.

JIANG CRITIQUES DALAI LAMA'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

32. AT THIS POINT JIANG PRODUCED A COPY OF THE DALAI
LAMA'S RECENT AUTOBIOGRAPHY, "FREEDOM IN EXILE." HE

OFFERED TO SUMMARIZE ITS CONTENTS BRIEFLY TO HIS
GUEST. THE DALAI LAMA, JIANG'S BOOK REPORT IRONICALLY
NOTED, WAS A CHAMPION OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS,
WHILE THE PRC GENERAL SECRETARY AND GESTURING TO QIAN
QICHEN TO HIS LEFT FOREIGN MINISTER WERE "DICTATORIAL
TIRANTS."

33. AGAIN DISPLAYING HIS PENCHANT FOR NUMBERS, JIANG
INDICATED THAT THE POPULATION OF TIBET WHEN HE VISITED
WAS 2.2 MILLION, OF WHICH 2.1: MILLION WERE ETHNIC

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RESTORE AND FURTHER DEVELOP THEIR RELATIONS.

JIANG ON CHINESE OVERSEAS STUDENTS

27. JIANG THEN POINTED TO A SECOND FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN
RIGHTS OBLIGATION: THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT. RAPID
DEVELOPMENT WAS THE ASPIRATION OF EVERY CHINESE. JIANG
WANTED TO MAKE ONE POINT CLEAR. AFTER JUNE 4 HE HAD
VISITED QINGHUA UNIVERSITY AND THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
UNIVERSITY. HE HAD TOLD THE STUDENTS THERE GOVERNMENT
POLICY TOWARD OVERSEAS STUDENTS WAS TO LET BYGONES BE
BYGONES, TO FORGET PAST ACTIONS WHICH WERE THE RESULT
OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS. EVEN THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAD
TAKEN ACTIONS ADVOCATING THE OVERTHROW OF THE
GOVERNMENT WERE INCLUDED. SO LONG AS THEY WERE
REPENTANT, ALL WOULD BE WELCOMED BACK.

28. EVERY YEAR, JIANG CONTINUED, MANY STUDENTS
RETURNED HOME TO CHINA FROM THEIR OVERSEAS STUDIES.
ZHANG YIJUN NOTED THAT IN 1990 2000 STUDENTS RETURNED
TO WORK AND ANOTHER 3000 TO SEE THEIR FAMILIES. AGAIN
RECITING CLASSICAL POETRY, JIANG NOTED THAT IT MATTERED
NOT WHETHER YOUR HOME ABROAD WAS MADE OF GOLD OR
SILVER, A POOR HOME IN THE MOTHERLAND WAS STILL THE
BEST. A DAY SPENT AT HOME WAS WORTH A THOUSAND DAYS
SPENT AWAY. AFTER THE POEM WAS TRANSLATED, JIANG TOLD
PRESIDENT CARTER CONTACTS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE U.S.
SHOULD BE INCREASED. AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WOULD REDUCE
MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND LEAD TO RESTORATION AND
DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.

29. BOTH HE AND PRESIDENT CARTER WERE ENGINEERS, JIANG
CONTINUED BUT IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES MOST PEOPLE
ANALYZE SOCIAL MODELS. THERE WAS NO SINGLE SET OF

SOCIAL VALUES IN THE WORLD, JIANG OBSERVED. THAT WOULD
BE TOO MONOTOUS. WHEN HE WAS IN UNIVERSITY THEY USED
TO DO ELECTRICAL MACHINE TESTS IN THE LABORATORY. THE

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TIBETANS, 36% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION. IF ONE INCLUDED
THE TIBETAN AUTONOMOUS PREFECTURES IN SICHUAN, QINGHAI,

YUNNAN AND GANSU, THERE WAS A TOTAL POPULATION OF 3.4
MILLION THERE, INCLUDING HANS. OF THIS LAST NUMBER,
2.4 MILLION WERE TIBETANS, I.E. RESIDING OUTSIDE THE
TIBET AUTONOMOUS REGION. THIS LEFT 1.3 MILLION HANS.
SO, JIANG CONTINUED, THE TOTAL TIBETAN POPULATION IN
TIBET AND THESE OTHER AUTONOMOUS REGIONS WAS 4.51
MILLION. JIANG CORRECTED THE INTERPRETER TWICE AS HE
WAS RECITING THESE FIGURES. ACCORDING TO JIANG, THE
HAN POPULATION IN ALL THESE REGIONS WAS 1.51 MILLION.

34. SWITCHING TO ENGLISH, JIANG CONCLUDED THAT THE
DALAI LAMA'S CLAIM THAT THERE WERE SIX MILLION HAN
LIVING IN TIBET WAS "A MISTAKE." WITH SOME PRIDE,
JIANG CLAIMED TO HAVE MADE THESE CALCULATIONS HIMSELF,
USING GEOGRAPHY TEXTS. HE WAS WILLING TO TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NUMBERS. ALL THIS SHOWED THAT
IT WAS IMPORTANT TO "SEEK TRUTH FROM FACTS" IN
APPROACHING SUCH MATTERS.

JIANG: CHINA HAS BEEN 6000 TO TIBET

35. EVERY YEAR THE PRC GRANTED LARGE SUBSIDIES TO THE
TIBET REGION, JIANG ADDED. TIBET WAS MAKING ECONOMIC
PROGRESS. WHEN HE HAD BEEN MAYOR OF SHANGHAI, JIANG
RECALLED, A GROUP OF COASTAL WORKERS, INCLUDING SOME
FROM SHANGHAI, HAD BEEN SENT TO TIBET ON THE OCCASION
OF AN ANNIVERSARY OF THE "PEACEFUL LIBERATION" OF THE
AREA TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. AFTERWARDS, A
NUMBER OF SHANGHAI WORKERS SUFFERED RESPIRATORY
DISEASES, AND SOME DIED. (NOTE: THIS POINT PRESUMABLY
WAS MEANT TO UNDERSCORE HAN SACRIFICES FOR TIBET.)

36. SOMEWHAT ABRUPTLY CONCLUDING HIS LENGTHY
PRESENTATION, JIANG THANKED PRESIDENT CARTER FOR HIS
CAREFUL ATTENTION. CHINA ALSO NEEDED DEMOCRACY. IT

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HAD NO INTENTION OF IMPOSING ITS VIEW ON OTHERS, BUT
SOUGHT TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

PRESIDENT CARTER REITERATED HIS FOURTH CONCERNS

37. PRESIDENT CARTER THANKED JIANG FOR HIS VERY
HELPFUL PRESENTATION. HE NOTED THAT JIANG HAD A SON
STUDYING IN THE U.S. AT DREXEL UNIVERSITY. JIANG
INTERJECTED THAT HIS SON WAS FINISHING A PhD IN
MATHEMATICS. HIS SON WOULD BE "BETTER THAN ME,"
JIANG QUIPPED, ONCE HE HAD HIS PhD. AGAIN PRESSING THE
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, PRESIDENT CARTER INDICATED IF HE
TOLD CHINESE STUDENTS IN THE U.S. THEY NEEDED TO REPENT
THIS MIGHT COVER THE FALSE SENSE THAT THEY WERE GUILTY
OF SOMETHING. HE REPEATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT
HAD HAPPENED, AND HE DID NOT CARE. THE FUTURE WAS WHAT
WAS IMPORTANT.

JIANG ON CHINESE YOUTH TODAY

38. JIANG JUMPED IN TO NOTE THERE WAS A
MISUNDERSTANDING ON THIS. PERHAPS 99% OF THE STUDENTS
WERE NO PROBLEM. THEY COULD COME BACK AND WOULD BE
WELCOMED. SPEAKING MORE BROADLY, JIANG OPINED THAT
CHINESE YOUNG PEOPLE (1) DID NOT UNDERSTAND CHINESE
HISTORY AND (2) INCORRECTLY BELIEVED THAT ONE COULD
LIVE COMFORTABLY IN THE WEST WITHOUT HAVING TO WORK
VERY HARD. THEREFORE JIANG THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD
FOR THEM TO GO ABROAD AND SEE THE REAL SITUATION.

39. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF TOO MANY PEOPLE WENT TO THE
U.S. PERHAPS IT WOULD BECOME DIFFICULT FOR AMERICA TO
BEAR. IF TEN PERCENT OF CHINA'S POPULATION TRIED TO
GO, THAT WOULD BE 140 MILLION, AND OBVIOUSLY FAR TOO
MANY. IT WAS ALREADY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN A VISA TO GO
TO THE U.S., JIANG QUIPPED, LIGHTLY POKING FUN AT
AMBASSADOR LILLEY. VISA PROCEDURES WERE VERY STRICT,
WITH MANY RULES AND QUALIFICATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, TO
RECEIVE A U.S. VISA AN APPLICANT HAD TO INDICATE HE HAD

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JIANG GETS IN ONE LAST SHANGHAI ANECDOTE

40. JIANG HAD DEALT WITH THE PROBLEM OF STUDENTS GOING TO JAPAN FROM SHANGHAI WHEN HE WAS MAYOR THERE. THE WORD WENT OUT THAT THERE WAS A SHORTAGE OF LABOR IN JAPAN. ACCORDING TO JIANG, SOME 30,000 STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED OUT OF SHANGHAI ALONE. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BEAR THIS. SO THEY STOPPED ISSUING VISAS. HOWEVER, MANY WOULD-BE STUDENTS HAD ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO GO, TRANSFERRING THEIR APARTMENTS, SELLING THEIR TELEVISIONS AND FURNITURE. MANY NATURALLY DISTRAUGHT STUDENTS RAN TO THE JAPANESE CONSULATE IN SHANGHAI EVERY DAY TO PROTEST.

41. JIANG ENDED THIS ANECDOTE BY SAYING HE HAD WORKED VERY HARD TO TRY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM AS MAYOR. HE CONCLUDED BY DRAWING FROM THIS TALE THE LESSON THAT THERE WAS NO ABSTRACT AND ABSOLUTE CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HUMAN RIGHTS WERE RELATIVE.

42. THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:15 PM, WITH JIANG LEADING PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS PARTY ON A BRIEF TOUR OF THE GARDEN OUTSIDE THE ZHONGNANHAI VILLA WHERE THE MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE.

43. A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE WAS PROVIDED TO FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER'S PARTY. HE DID NOT CLEAR THE TEXT. LILLEY

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